REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, the title has been amended to conform to the English language translation. The specification has been amended to incorporate the priority information. The Abstract has been amended to conform to the English language translation and to conform with conventional U.S. format.

Claims 3-18, 23-25, 28, 30, and 33 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the title, the specification, the Abstract, and the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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